

OCSPP Engagement and Accomplishments with the U.S. - Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC)

OCSPP has two work plans under the auspices of the RCC, the Chemicals Management Work Plan and the Pesticides Work Plan.

- OCSPP partnered with Environment and Climate Change Canada and Health Canada on the Chemicals Management Work Plan, which focuses on two work streams:
 - Approaches for regulatory reporting requirements for new uses of chemical substances via the Canadian Significant New Activity Provisions (SNACs) and U.S. Significant New Use Rules (SNURs); and
 - Risk assessments of existing chemicals.
- An Assessment Collaboration Framework and associated Rolling Work Plan have been developed to facilitate continued collaboration on risk assessment-related activities.
- Ongoing collaboration included in the Rolling Work Plan focuses on information sharing of environmental monitoring data and data gathering approaches, lessons learned in priority setting approaches, updating and refining current chemical categories considering risk assessment methodology, and updating a crosswalk of common risk assessment priorities.
- OCSPP developed a Pesticides Work Plan with Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) with five areas of work:
 - joint IT solutions;
 - alignment of pesticide residue trial requirements;
 - collaboration to facilitate pollinator protection;
 - integrated approach to testing and assessment (IATA); and
 - pesticide re-evaluation to align, where possible, the timing of key science work for certain pesticides.
- The current Pesticide Work Plan is wrapping up and development of a new work plan is under discussion, to be announced after the RCC Stakeholder event in December.
- The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) has also been asked by PMRA to host a bilateral meeting on the margins of the December stakeholder event.
- PMRA and EPA are actively involved with OECD's proposal for developing a New Performance Based Test Guideline for defined approaches and test methods for skin sensitization.
- The EPA also issued the Interim Science Policy: *Use of Alternative Approaches for Skin Sensitization as a Replacement for Laboratory Animal Testing*, which makes reference to the ongoing collaboration with several organizations including the PMRA.
- Pollinator risk assessments for clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran (USEPA only) were published by PMRA and the EPA in 2017, and for imidacloprid by PMRA in May 2018.
- Building on PMRA's and EPA's current program of joint review and work-sharing for new pesticides, the Agencies are now considering coordination on re-evaluation activities for the second round of registration review chemicals and to develop a framework for closer alignment on the periodic re-evaluation of existing chemicals.

Appendix 1: Assessment Collaboration Framework - Canada-United States Rolling Workplan

Regulatory Areas of Focus			
The United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada and Health Canada are working together to advance risk assessment activities in the following areas:			
Area of Focus	Timeline	Expected Outcome/Result	Status
1. Information Sharing			
Data Gathering Activities	December 2017 to December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crosswalk of recent and planned data gathering activities - Sharing of respective approaches for data gathering 	Ongoing
Environmental Monitoring Data	December 2017 to December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of list of substances for which environmental media data is available - Exchange of respective datasets for substances of interest to the other jurisdiction 	Ongoing
2. Priority Setting Activities			
Examination of Previously Used Priority Approaches / Lessons Learned	December 2017 to December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada and U.S. analysis of priority setting approaches and lessons learned - Collaboration on planned project on lessons learned on best practices on Priority Setting within the OECD 	Ongoing
Stakeholder Consultation on Priority Setting	December 2017 to May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in discussions/workshops on priority setting activities 	
3. Data Evaluation			
Data Capture and Storage Mechanisms	September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing IUCLID guidance (September 2017) 	Completed
	December 2017 to December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Through representation on OECD IUCLID Expert User Group, support enhancements to IUCLID 	Ongoing

Data Evaluation / Review (e.g. training, template development; exposure and/or hazard)	September 2017	- Participation in respective initiatives including Canada's participation in the U.S. Systematic Review Webinar (September 2017)	Completed
	TBD	- Canada to give a webinar to U.S. on robust study summary template used to assess environmental fate and toxicity data	
	TBD	- Canada to share with U.S. robust study summaries for chemicals that are of interest to U.S.	
4. Risk Assessment Approaches/Methodology for Existing and New Chemicals			
Strengthening / Developing Chemical Categories	Fall 2017 to ongoing	- Updating and refining current chemical categories considering new approach methodology	
Sharing Risk Assessment Guidance and Tools /Approaches	TBD	- Sharing crosswalk of existing risk assessment guidance and tools/approaches; including presentations on those tools and approaches unique to one jurisdiction - Development of Expert Group(s), as appropriate	